

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 18 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 19 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 18 Mar 2021 at 03:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry, settled weather for the rest of this week and over the weekend. Lower confidence on day to day cloud detail.

Headline for Thursday 18 Mar 2021: Mist, low cloud and patchy drizzle persisting all day over hills near west coast and also over north of area. Sunny spells well inland.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 Mar 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 18 Mar 2021

Weather: Extensive mist and low cloud shrouding many ranges at first, lingering all day over hills towards West Coast and also up towards Ben Hope. Brighter conditions developing well inland with best of the sunshine over hills towards the Great Glen.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance towards west coast. Improving 60% in east of area during morning.

Visibility: Misty conditions with extensive cloud cover well down the hills, especially in the west. Visibility becoming generally good well inland during morning with clouds lifting and breaking up.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	14/17 W	19/23 NW	16/21 NW	19/24 NW	20/26 NW	21/26 NW	18/23 N
900	12/15 W	16/20 NW	15/20 NW	16/22 NW	18/24 NW	18/24 NW	16/21 N
600	10/12 W	10/14 NW	12/17 NW	12/17 NW	14/19 N	13/18 N	13/18 N
300	1/15 NW	4/18 NW	3/18 NW	3/19 NW	6/23 N	4/21 N	4/19 N
Glen	0/4 W	3/7 W	5/10 W	5/11 NW	6/15 N	5/15 N	6/15 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-2	2/-3	3/-2	3/-2	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4
900	4/-1	3/-2	3/-2	4/-1	3/-2	2/-3	2/-2
600	5/2	5/1	5/1	5/2	5/1	4/-0	4/0
300	5/4	6/5	6/5	6/5	6/4	5/4	5/4
Glen	7/6	8/7	8/7	8/7	8/6	7/6	7/6
Freezing Level*	1900m	1700m	1800m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1800m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Still feeling cold on the tops with fresh winds and temperatures of 3 or 4 Celsius.

Forecast for Friday 19 Mar 2021

Weather: Mainly dry and rather cloudy with extensive mist and low cloud over the north Highlands giving a little drizzle. Dry from Knoydart across to Great Glen with sunny spells developing.

Maximum wind: Northerly winds with average speeds of 15 to 20mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%, mainly in south of area.

Visibility: Generally misty conditions over north Highlands with patches of poor visibility and clouds well down the hills. The visibility improving good further south with clouds lifting and breaking up.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius.

At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.

Freezing level: Above the tops.